

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 21-40 will be pending in this application. Claims 1-20 are hereby cancelled. Applicants further submit that no new matter has been added by the present amendment.

Claims 1-9, 11, 13-15 and 17-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,944,791 (“Scherpbier”). Claims 10 and 12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Scherpbier in view of Official Notice. Applicants respectfully traverse.

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

On October 16, 2007, Examiner Aaron Strange and Applicants’ undersigned representative, Mr. Eiferman, participated in a telephonic interview. During the interview, Mr. Eiferman proposed the claim amendments herein. Examiner Strange agreed to reevaluate the pending rejections in light of the claim amendments and remarks herein.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-9, 11, 13-15 and 17-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,944,791 (“Scherpbier”). Applicants respectfully traverse.

The claimed invention is directed to generating shared views for browsing content. A shared view engine on a host client computer receives an identification of a slave client computer. A communications link between the host client computer and the slave client computer is established. A browser application on the host client computer issues a request for content from a server. The shared view engine intercepts the request and sends to the slave client a message identifying the content.

Scherpbier discloses a collaborative web browser in which a pilot computer controls the browsing of itself and a passenger computer. In particular, the pilot computer downloads a web page by transmitting a corresponding URL to a control site. Upon receiving the URL, the control site causes the passenger computer to download the web page (See Abstract).

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Thus, in Schepbier, there is no communication between the pilot computer and the passenger computer.

Accordingly, Schepbier does not teach or suggest the following features of claim 21 or corresponding features form the other independent claims:

a communications interface to a communications network for establishing a communications link between the host client computer *and a slave client computer* on the communications network; and
a shared view engine for receiving an identification of the slave client computer, intercepting the request issued by the browser, and providing, *via the communications link to the slave client*, a message comprising the locator

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 21, 31 and 40 and all claims depending therefrom are not anticipated by Schepbier. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 102 rejections are respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 10 and 12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Scherpbier in view of Official Notice. Claims 10 and 12 are hereby cancelled. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 103 rejections are respectfully requested. Applicants also the Official Notice including the assertion that the use of web servers on intranets and LAN's is well known in the art. If this assertion is true, then Applicants request a showing of even a single reference that supports this assertion.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

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